Birth Place of Veer Savarkar

*238. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representations to declare the birth place of Veer Vinayak Damodar Savarkar in Bhagur District Nasik, Maharashtra as a National Monument; and

(b) if so, what are the hurdles in declaring it as a National Monument?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Metro Railway

*239. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item appearing in the Statesman, Calcutta edition, dated 8th July, 1987 regarding Metro scheme to connect Howrah and Sealdah stations; and

(b) if so what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is no proposal at present to take up any detailed survey for a Metro Scheme connecting Howrah and Sealdah.

Import of Coloured Condoms

*240. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that consignments of imported coloured condoms are being released from ports without test;

(b) whether it is a fact that coloured condoms being imported in the country are of sub-standard quality;

(c) what are the schedule requirements to which coloured condoms confirm;

(d) whether it is a fact that coloured condoms being sold in the country do not confirm to Scheduled requirements;

(e) if so, whether the objective of family planning programme will be achieved; and

(f) what is the total number of consignments of condoms imported during last three years, yearwise along with the quantity and value of each and how many were released without test?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Consignments of coloured condoms refered by the customs authorities to the port offices of the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation are subjected to test and only consignments which are reported to be of standard quality are recommended to be released.

(c) Condoms are required to conform to the standards prescribed in the Schedule R of the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules.

(d) Government have not received any report that the coloured condoms